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According to a recent article in the Daily News, the number of individuals infected with the contagious Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aurea (MRSA) has increased significantly in the jails as well as in the community at large.

This Board's concern for this matter has resulted in ongoing updates and progress reports of the Sheriff's Department's efforts to aggressively control the spread of MRSA in the jails. The Board received a positive progress report on this issue by Sheriff's staff and Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding at the September 7, 2004 Board meeting. However, the subject article and comments by Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding infer that the increased number of MRSA infections in the community may be the result of inmates from the County jails.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request a joint report at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting by the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Health Services explaining the concerns raised in the January 4<sup>th</sup> Daily News article including the factors contributing to the increased number of people infected with MRSA in the jails and the community at large. The report shall also provide an update on the Sheriff's efforts to hire the Physician Specialist Epidemiologist and related medical staff to oversee this and other forms of communicable diseases.

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